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**The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Sustainability and Panel on Divestment
September 10, 2014**

SB045-14/15

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Whereas, many students and faculty at the University of Montana believe that divesting from fossil fuels and reinvesting in environmentally and socially responsible enterprises is an important step in reducing the school's carbon footprint;

Whereas, the Reinvest campaign has helped to facilitate an ongoing conversation on campus about divesting;

Whereas, it is important to present and enhance the opportunity for dissenting opinions to be heard as well so that we may, as a campus, make a decision that is supported by a majority of our student body and campus community;

Whereas, President Engstrom has expressed the desire to see more support and more dialogue from a larger portion of the campus community before it becomes a serious agenda item;

Whereas, a group of graduate students here at the University would like to host an unbiased educated forum called "Panel on Divestment" involving experts from different fields (i.e. business, economics, environmental studies, etc.) to speak as part of an informational panel followed by a moderated Q&A session with the goal of catalyzing a future productive conversation on campus between interested parties and decision makers;

Whereas, this forum would be open to the public and advertised well with the goal of getting students from every department on campus interested;

Whereas, this group would be interested in working in cooperation with the ASUM Marketing and Outreach Committee to help promote the event;

Therefore, Let it be Resolved that the 2014-15 ASUM Senate endorses the efforts of this group of graduate students, as an neutral entity on the matter, to host this educational forum;

Therefore, Let it be Further Resolved, that the ASUM senate tasks the Sustainability Committee in conjunction with Marketing and Outreach Committee with corresponding with this group of students and promoting the event on our social media sites and in whatever other ways the committee deems fit.

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